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REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15-27 and 29-34 are pending in this application. No amendments have been made. Claims 1-13, 15-27 and 29-34, have been indicated to be allowable if the rejection of claims 1-6, 33 and 34 were overcome. In view of the remarks below, the rejection of claims 1-6, 33 and 34 is deemed overcome and the application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Summary of Telephone Interview with Examiner

Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for the time taken and courtesy extended in conducting the telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Mr. Gary S. Engelson, Reg. No. 35,128, on October 21, 2004. The following is a true and accurate summary of the issues discussed during the telephone interview.

In a Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not being adequately described in the specification. Applicant filed a response on August 9, 2004 traversing the rejection. However, the Examiner maintained the rejection in an Advisory Action mailed October 5, 2004.

During the telephone interview, Applicant's representative discussed the rejection with the Examiner and with Supervisory Examiner Ahmad Matar. Applicant's representative explained that the subject matter of claims 1-6 and 33-34 is in fact adequately described in the specification so as to enable a person skilled in the art to which these claims pertain, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention. In particular, how to use one digit to derive an input sequence or a PIN. Applicant's representative directed the Examiner's attention to page 5, line 20 through line 33 of the specification which describes dividing a conference ID into an input sequence of digits or a PIN, and to the examples illustrated by the tables on pages 8 and 9 which are also pertinent and provide additional enablement. Applicant's representative also explained that the fact that the claim covers the limiting case in which both the first and second portions of the conference I.D. include only a single digit is not a cause for concern. It is conceivable that in a small exchange system, one digit portions may be sufficient. Furthermore, Applicant's representative discussed with the Examiner the teaching in the

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specification (e.g., on page 5, lines 20-33) that explain that a conference I.D. may be divided into two portions (of any length) that may in turn be used to generate various strings of digits which may be arbitrary in length.

At the end of the telephone interview, the Examiner requested that Applicant's representative provide a short written explanation of how the specification supports and enables the subject matter of claim 1, specifically, the limiting case of a conference I.D. comprised of two one-digit portions. Applicant's representative complied and sent the Examiner an email on October 29, 2004 that addressed the Examiner's concerns. A copy of the email is attached and hereby incorporated in the record.

Conclusion

Applicant's representative spoke with the Examiner again on November 16, 2004 to inquire as to the status of this application. The Examiner left a voicemail for Applicant's representative requesting that the email communication from October 29, 2004 be made of Official record and that the Examiner intends to allow the case once the communication has been properly made of record.

Accordingly, Applicant has submitted the email with this supplemental response in order to make the email of official record. Applicant understands that this will place the application in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to that effect.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee

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occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

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